

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Caputo et al.

Application No. To Be Assigned

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For: *Improved Process and method for the Preparation of Asymmetric Monofunctionalised Indocyanine Labelling Reagents and Obtained Compounds*

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Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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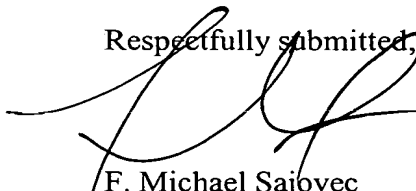
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Sir:

Attached is a copy of two PTO-1449 forms as filed in parent application serial number 09/995,350, with the application serial number and filing date of the parent application struck through. A copy of each of the references above has been submitted to, or cited by, the Examiner in the parent application and is not provided herewith.

It is requested that all of these documents be considered by the Examiner and officially made of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and Section 609 of the MPEP. No fee is believed due.

Respectfully submitted,



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